
A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MOLOA'A WELL PROJECT ON THE
ISLAND OF KAUAI.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the current weather
2 trends across the State indicate a decrease in consistent
3 rainfall, which makes it more difficult for farmers to rely on
4 annual rainfall alone for consistent water for their crops and
5 increases the need for irrigation sources to supplement regular
6 rainfall patterns. The agricultural cooperative in the Moloa'a
7 area on the island of Kauai is struggling to obtain adequate
8 water from the existing well; a new replacement well is needed.

9 Additionally, the federal Food Safety Modernization Act has
10 resulted in new rules and regulations that govern the growing,
11 packing, and processing of food across the nation. These new
12 regulations adversely impact Hawaii's agriculturalists,
13 particularly Hawaii's farmers who generally have small farms and
14 are unable to make the necessary capital investment to bring
15 their facilities in compliance with required standards.



1 A central facility is needed where farmers in the community
2 can have their produce packed and processed. The facility would
3 allow the farmers to share the costs of complying with the new
4 regulation and thereby avoid business failures.

5 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the
6 acquisition of a one-acre parcel and the plans, design, and
7 construction thereon at Moloa'a on the island of Kauai of:

8 (1) A well and alternative energy development to power the
9 well to supplement the existing water resources at
10 Moloa'a; and

11 (2) An onsite, state of the art post-harvest facility to
12 meet the new standards established by the Food Safety
13 Modernization Act.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 for land
17 acquisition, plans, design, and construction for a new well at
18 Moloa'a on the island of Kauai; alternative energy development to
19 power the well to supplement the existing water resources at
20 Moloa'a; and an onsite, state-of-the-art post-harvest facility at



1 Moloa'a to meet the new standards established by the Food Safety
2 Modernization Act, as follows:

3	Land acquisition	\$
4	Plans	\$
5	Design	\$
6	Construction	\$
7	Total funding	\$

8 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
9 agriculture for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.



Report Title:

Moloa'a Well, Kauai; Alternative Energy Development; Post-Harvest Facility; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for land acquisition, plans, design, and construction of a new well, alternative energy development to power the well, and a post-harvest facility at Moloa'a on the island of Kauai. (HB1453 HD1)

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